

BSA's Youth Protection Policies

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Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Notify your Scout Executive of this report, or of any violation to BSA's Youth Protection policies, so he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow-up with investigating agencies. If he/she cannot be reached call the 24/7 Scouts First Helpline at 1-844-726-8871 or email, scoutsfirst@scouting.org

There are two types of Youth Protection – related reporting procedures all volunteers must follow:

- When you witness or suspect any child has been abused or neglected – See “***Mandatory Report of Child Abuse***” below.
- When you witness a violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies – See “***Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies***” below.

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Steps to Reporting Child Abuse

- 1) Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
- 2) In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately.
- 3) In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the Scout's home or family, you are required to contact Children and Family Services at 1-800-342-3720 (NY State) or 1-800-932-0313 (PA).
- 4) Notify the Scout Executive or his/her designee. (See contact names/numbers below) If he/she cannot be reached call the 24/7 Scouts First Helpline at 1-844-726-8871 or email, scoutsfirst@scouting.org

Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies

If you think any of the BSA's Youth Protection policies, including those described within ***Scouting's Barriers to Abuse*** have been violated, you must notify your local council Scout Executive or his/her designee so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our Scouts.

Emergency Contacts

In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Local Hotline Name: Children and Family Services
NY Hotline 1-800-342-3720; TDD 1-800-369-2437
PA Hotline 1-800-932-0313; TDD 1-866-872-1677

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